

ALLOWANCE

This action is in response to Applicant's Request for Continued Examination and Petition dated January 22, 2010. The petition under the unintentional provisions of 37 CFR 1.137 (b) was granted in the decision dated March 24, 2010. Claims 21, 23-28, and 30-35 are allowed again.

Information Disclosure Statement

The reference disclosed in the IDS dated January 22, 2010, is made of record.

Reasons for Allowance

The following is an Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the elected invention is free of the prior art and the form of the application is acceptable. The closest prior art is Villhauer, WO 98/19998. The reference teaches structurally similar compounds (see compounds of formula I and definition of R, page 2). The claims differ by requiring a bridged bicyclic heterocyclic linker at instant "B" over the N-alkylene- linker of the reference. There is no teaching or suggestion to motivate one skilled in the art to modify the prior art linking group and arrive at the instantly claimed bridged compounds. Therefore, the claim is free of prior art.

Any comments considered necessary by Applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the Examiner should be directed to Erich A. Leeser whose telephone number is 571-272-9932. The Examiner can normally be reached Monday through Friday from 8:30 to 6:00 EST. If attempts to reach the Examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the Examiner's supervisor, Mr. James O. Wilson can be reached at 571-272-0661. The fax number for the organization where this application is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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